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We Must Vote This November

There Are Plenty Of Reasons For Black Voters To Go To The Polls

By **ALICE HUFFMAN**
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"I will be insulted if you don't vote to protect my legacy," President Obama told the Congressional Black Caucus attendees on September 17.

November 8, 2016 is a watershed general election. The African American community is pivotal to the outcome. The world is now looking to us to see if we will repeat the pattern of voting at a level that surpasses the voting of white voters. In 2012, our turnout was 66.2 percent while the white turnout vote was 64.1 percent. What this means is that candidates who in the past would not have devoted so

much time to wooing us by campaigning in our community, must work to ensure our turnout. Candidates who do not represent our values are hoping that these numbers were all based on our commitment to elect and reelect our first Black President, Barack Obama, and now that there is no African American president we will stay home.

If we don't turn out, we can expect more appointments to the Supreme Court like Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia that ruled against us at every turn.

Because we had such a strong showing in 2008 and 2012, the Supreme Court made rulings to gut the Voting Rights Act. The opposition has tried for seven years to reduce our voting strength. We must not let them push us back into low voter turnout and complacency.



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We have much to protect beginning with The Affordable Care Act where 15 million people now have health insurance and one cannot be denied because of preexisting health issues and the myriad of other programs

that President Obama has instilled despite a hostile Congress that worked for his failure. But more importantly, if we don't vote, we may forfeit the opportunity to appoint more Supreme Court Justices who believe in inclusion and value working people and diversity. In California, we have 23 ballot measures that are critical to our wellbeing like approving the regulation of cannabis, eliminating the death penalty, defeating a misleading drug measure that is reminiscent of Prop. 209 where it does the opposite of what it promises, beating back an initiative to strengthen the death penalty and many more. This election year, every single vote counts, including yours.

Proposition 61 Bad for Patients. Bad for Veterans.



"Prop 61 excludes 88% of Californians, including 10 million low-income patients in Medi-Cal; patients covered by Obamacare; and 20 million with private health insurance. For those few it does cover, Prop 61 will increase prescription drug costs and reduce access to vitally needed medicines. Please join NAACP California in voting No on 61."

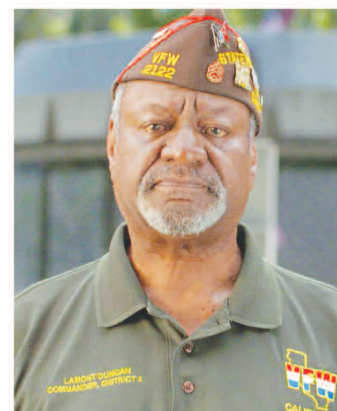


Alice Huffman, President
California NAACP

"Veterans sacrifice so much – this initiative would be terrible for veterans. They'd have to pay more for prescription drugs."



Lamont Duncan
State Jr. Vice Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars
(VFW), Dept. of California



NoProp61.com

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- ✓ Directly funds community based organizations for reinvestment programs

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“Reforming our marijuana laws is an important civil rights issue. The current system is counterproductive, financially wasteful and racially biased – and the people of California want it to be fixed.”

Alice Huffman
President, California NAACP



Tobacco companies have spent \$200 million contributing to campaigns to kill tobacco taxes in California over the past 10 years because they know that raising our tobacco tax will reduce smoking. That's why the American Heart Association, American Lung Association and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network are sponsoring Prop 56.

Smoking kills over 40,000 Californians each year and smoking-related healthcare costs California taxpayers \$3.5 billion annually.

It's up to us to stand up to Big Tobacco.

In every state that has significantly raised its tobacco tax, smoking rates have gone down. The US Surgeon General says that is especially true among kids. The majority of revenue generated by Prop 56 will go to provide healthcare for low income Californians through Medi-Cal and to reduce tobacco-related health disparities in communities across the state.

**SAVE LIVES. PROTECT KIDS.
VOTE YES ON 56.**

“The tobacco industry has for decades relentlessly and unconscionably marketed its dangerous products to black communities, and in particular young African Americans.” - **CA NAACP President Alice Huffman**

“Prop 56 is a crucial step towards making our communities healthier.”
- **Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer**

“Tobacco companies have a track record of lying about the harmful effects of their tobacco products...Have they suddenly developed a deep concern for our state's children? Of course not.”
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson**

Tobacco's lies are “disingenuous,” “ludicrous,” and “laughable.” - **San Francisco Chronicle**

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Join Us! **YesOn56.org**

November's Presidential Election Is Critical

By ALICE HUFFMAN
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Here is why it is critical that we vote. This Presidential election is the scariest one in my lifetime. One candidate is a known racist, who has managed to legitimize the KKK, the Skin Heads and all of the race haters and baiters in this country.

The amount of hostility and racial undertones in this presidential election is unprecedented. One candidate is divisive against Muslims, Latinos and women and condescending to African Americans.

He wants to build a wall and return American back to the "good old days." In a country that has slowly become one where the majority of the citizens belong to an ethnic minority group, what country and what "good old days" is he talking about?

This democracy belongs to the people and was founded on the premise that it would be for the people and run by the people. The founding fathers who wrote those words were white immigrants who were rebelling against British rule.

They, like everyone else in America, except the Native Americans, had come here for a better life free from a

monarchy. They had taken the land from the Native Americans, fought the British, gained independence and were in pursuit of a government run by its citizens. They deemed themselves the pure citizens entitled to all of the privileges of the land built with slave labor. They did not foresee a country with such a diverse population that would place whites in the minority.

The notion today that this nation belongs to one primary group is absurd. This country is a great example of diversity. The notion of building a wall along the Mexican border is fallacy.

Those advocating for a wall would no doubt want to go back to the good old days when "white was might." Those days are gone forever.

The wall concept is another back-door approach to ensure that ethnic minority growth does not become the majority in this country. We must stand with our Latino Brothers and Sisters and insist on a fair immigration reform system and protect the dreamers who were born on this soil and their parents.

We must elect a candidate that will not take us back but stand together and continue the great work of our President.

California State NAACP Positions

Nov. 8, 2016 General Election Ballot Initiatives

Proposition 51	YES
Proposition 52	YES
Proposition 53	NO
Proposition 54	YES
Proposition 55*	YES
Proposition 56*	YES
Proposition 57*	YES
Proposition 58*	YES
Proposition 59	YES
Proposition 60	NO
Proposition 61*	NO
Proposition 62	YES
Proposition 63	YES
Proposition 64*	YES
Proposition 65	No Position
Proposition 66	NO
Proposition 67	YES

Official titles and numbers as listed on the California ballot

YES ON
57

Prop 57 focuses resources on the strategies that work to increase public safety and support our communities through rehabilitation.

- Keeps the most dangerous offenders locked up.
- Allows parole consideration for people with non-violent convictions who complete the full prison term for their primary offense.
- Authorizes a system of credits that can be earned for rehabilitation, good behavior and education milestones or taken away for bad behavior.
- Requires judges instead of prosecutors to decide whether minors should be prosecuted as adults, emphasizing rehabilitation for minors in the juvenile system.



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Yes on Prop. 57, Californians and Governor Brown for Public Safety and Rehabilitation, with major funding by Governor Brown's Ballot Measure Committee and the California Democratic Party.

The National Anthem's Controversy

By **WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.**
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I don't think 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick had any idea what he was getting into by declining to stand for the national anthem.

The first time he did it, no one even noticed. When a reporter finally did spot it, Kaepernick had to come up with an explanation. It appeared to be a scattering of locker room pronouncements on race, economic inequality, police harassment of African Americans, even police training.

I'll give him credit, though: By the time the story blew up nationally and Thursday's "Star-Spangled Banner" before the Niners-Chargers game in San Diego got as much attention as the Super Bowl halftime show, Kaepernick had figured out that taking a knee was a much more respectful look than sitting on his butt.

Who knows the history of the national anthem and can it be an anthem without all of its verses?

"The Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 about the American victory at the Battle of Fort McHenry. We only sing

the first verse, but Key penned three more.

Here is the questionable lyric from the third verse:

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,

*That the havoc of war
and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country
should leave us no more?*

*Their blood has wash'd
out their foul footsteps' pollution.*

*No refuge could save the
hireling and slave*

*From the terror of flight
or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled
banner in triumph doth
wave*

*O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave*



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The mere mention of "slave" is not entirely remarkable; slavery was alive and well in the United States in 1814. Key himself owned slaves, was an anti-abolitionist and once called his African brethren "a distinct and inferior race of people."

Some interpretations of these lyrics contend Key was in fact taking pleasure in the deaths of freed Black slaves who had decided to fight with the British against the United States.

In order to bolster their numbers,

British forces offered slaves their freedom in British territories if they would join their cause during the war. These Black recruits formed the Colonial Marines, and were looked down upon by people like Key who saw their actions as treasonous.

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